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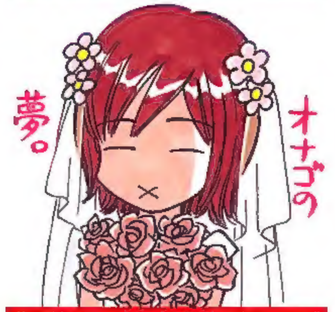

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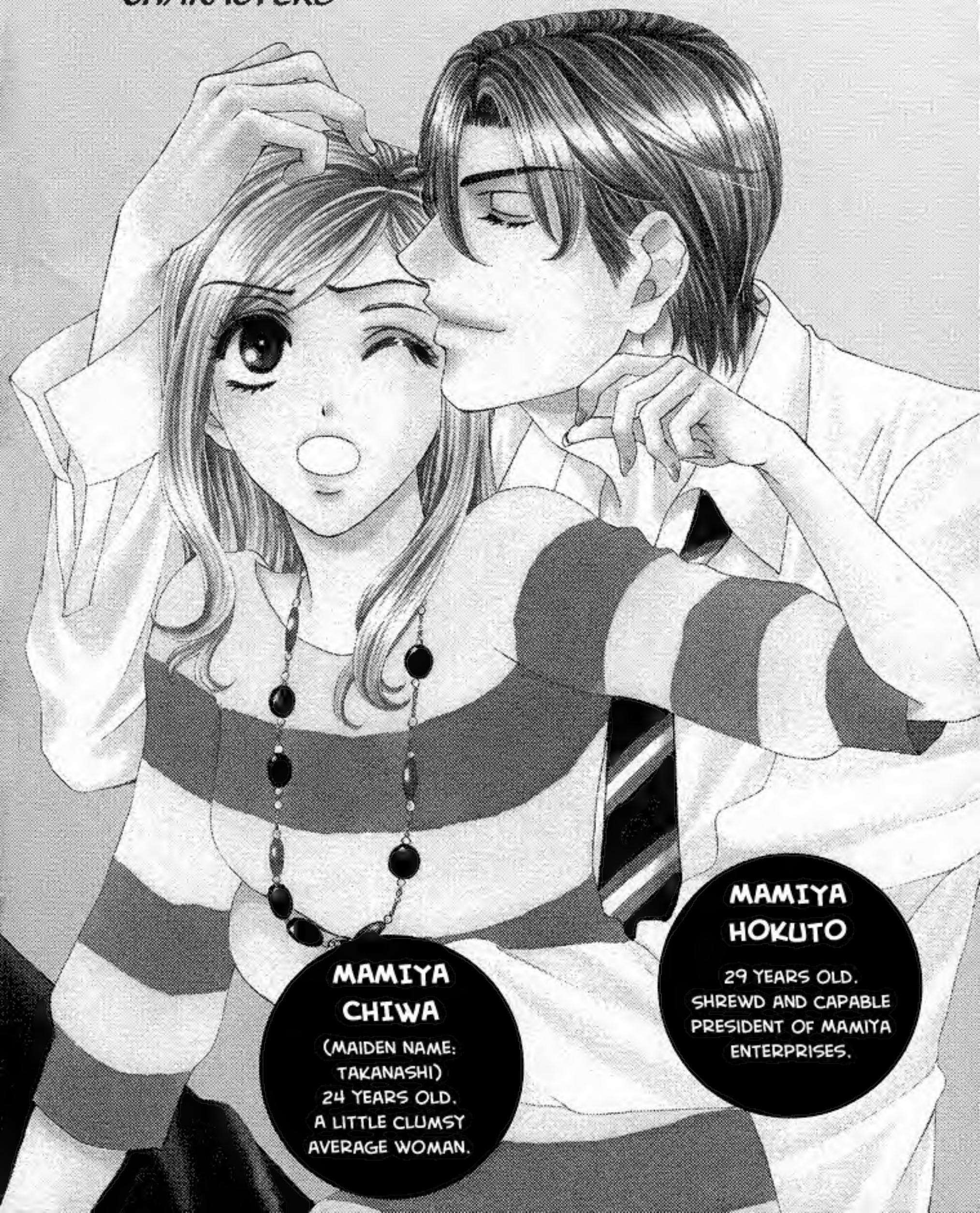

SHITARA MISAKI

OWNER OF A FAMOUS BRAND. SEEMS TO HAVE SOME SORT OF RELATIONSHIP WITH HOKUTO..?

ASAHINA KANAME

CHIWA'S UNIVERSITY SENPAI AND CURRENT BOSS AT THE COMPANY.

STORY

Chiwa's motto: "I absolutely do not dream of men! I will live a steady life!"... or at least it was. But her circumstances were completely overturned when she married the president of her company Hokuto because she had to pay off a debt her father left her. Even though it was a contract-marriage, Chiwa fell in love with Hokuto. They even finally had sex for the first time and "became real husband and wife."
They learned about each other's past love-affairs and they both felt jealousy, but it only helped strengthen their present feelings. Meanwhile, Chiwa's boss Asahina inquires into the circumstances of her marriage..?

Hapi Mari 8

~Happy Marriage!?~

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29th step
What is "happiness" for you?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THIS, JUST LIE DOWN. YOU SAID IT'S THE FLU?

I'M REALLY SORRY, ESPECIALLY TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

DID YOU GO TO SEE A DOCTOR?

YES.

HOKUTO, DON'T GO CLOSE TO DAD,

YOU MIGHT CATCH THE FLU.

YOU TREAT YOUR DAD WORSE THAN THE FLU MI-CROBES.

Your daddy is sad.

AH, LOOK, REALLY! IT'S FLU MEDICINE.

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN? THEY SAY "TOO DUMB TO CATCH EVEN THE FLU!"

...

You're horrible.

EH? THAT'S HOW I ALWAYS TREAT HIM.

YOU'RE BEING WAY TOO ABUSIVE. IS THIS HOW YOU SHOULD BE TREATING HIM?

I came with Hokuto, who also happened to have the day off.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I'LL GO COOK SOME-THING, SO YOU JUST REST.

Always? Like this?

EH?

WELL, SHE LOOKS SO HAPPY.

IT'S JUST AS YOU SAID WHEN YOU DRAGGED HER OUT OF HERE.

Today is a holiday, but my dad caught the flu, so...

...

Happy...

NO WAAAAAAAAAAAY!

YOU SAID YOU'D DEFINITELY MAKE HER HAPPY...

I DID...

I'M GOING SHOPPING, SO KEEP AN EYE ON THE RICE GRUEL.

EH...

FLOP

WHAT IS IT?

THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING USEABLE IN THE FRIDGE!

WHAT?

I'VE NEVER BEEN IN A KITCHEN BEFORE!

HEY, WAIT!

WILL YOU COOK THIS FOR ME IF I BECOME ILL?

EH...

YOU PUT IT ON LOW FIRE AND GENTLY STIR, LIKE THIS.

Can't I go shopping instead?

OH, I'M JUST JOKING!

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, SO TAKE CARE OF THIS!

I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU SOMETHING...
WHAT?
HAVEN'T YOU EVER THOUGHT OF DITCHING YOUR FATHER?

WHAT?!

IT'S NOT SO UNREASONABLE WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT.

YOUR LIFE BECAME A COMPLETE MESS BECAUSE OF HIM, RIGHT?

EVEN YOUR MOTHER RAN AWAY FROM HIM.

HAHAHA.. WELL, EHM.

YES, BUT.

EVEN IF HE'S LIKE THAT, HE'S STILL MY FATHER

YOU. IF YOU'D MARRIED SOME SPONGER, HE'D HAVE SUCKED YOU DRY BY NOW.

WHA-

WHERE DID THIS COME FROM?!

Nothing to add

CRUNCH

YES, THAT'S ALL.

AND THAT'S ALL?!

WHAT THE—?!

EH?

SO...

THAT'S HOW YOU JUST SWALLOW UP EVERYTHING.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT WITH THIS?

AND ABOUT ME, TOO...

EVERY-THING ABOUT YOUR FATHER...

WHAT IS "HAPPINESS" FOR YOU?

HEY, HOKUTO!

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT, ALL OF A SUDDEN?

I'M ASKING SERIOUSLY.

EHM . HAPPINESS . HAPPINESS ?

EH... THAT'S KIND OF SUDDEN...

MANAGING TO DO WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO?

I SAID, FORGET ABOUT ME.

Are you dumb?

BUT WHEN YOU ASK ME SO SUDDENLY

I JUST THOUGHT THAT WHATEVER MAKES YOU HAPPY, MAKES ME HAPPY, TOO

YOU ARE NOT HAPPY, TOO.

SO YOU MEAN THAT IF I'M NOT HAPPY,

I SEE.

I UNDER-STAND.

YEAH, SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

EH, YEAH.

Flash

...somehow strange..?

Hokuto is...

IGNORED

I-I'M SORRY FOR NOT KEEPING IN TOUCH.

CHIWA-SAN!

LONG TIME NO SEE!

YES, YOU COME TO VISIT ME SO RARELY!

BY THE WAY, WHAT ABOUT MY GREAT-GRAND-CHILD?

Turn

Waah! Save me, Hokuto!

WELL.

Out of the blue, Hokuto said we're going to the main house.

Why now of all times?

I'M SORRY.

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SEE IT...

...IN THE NEAR FUTURE

SO,

REGARDING WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT OVER THE PHONE.

Weren't you against having children..?

I SEE, I SEE.

Eh!

Eh?!

WELL, DO COME IN.

Hokuto, is it all right to say such a thing?!

WHAT DID YOU MEAN ..

.. WHEN YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO RESIGN FROM YOUR POSITION AS PRESIDENT OF MAMIYA ENTERPRISES?

What—

WHAT IS GOING ON?!

Jump

HAS HOKUTO DONE SOME-THING?!

Eh...

I BROUGHT YOU HERE SO YOU CAN HEAR EVERYTHING.

SO JUST SIT DOWN.

IF .. IF YOU QUIT YOUR POST—

CALM DOWN

This is...

I'm not following.

This is too sudden.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I'D LIKE TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH ONE OTHER TYPE OF BUSINESS.

IN RETURN OR MORE LIKE IN-STEAD,

MAMIYA TOURISM.

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO ENTRUST ME WITH THAT INSTEAD?

AH.. BUT YOU'D BE A NEW-COMMER THERE.

SATORU HANDLES IT NOW, BUT EVEN HE CANNOT BRING IT OUT OF THE RED.

THE SITUATION THERE IS SO BAD THAT SATORU EVEN TOLD THE NEW CHAIRMAN HE'S THINKING ABOUT RESIGNING.

"THAT" IS THE POST YOU WANT..?

YES.

IF YOU ENTRUST ME WITH IT,

I'LL BRING IT OUT OF THE RED WITHIN ONE YEAR.

AND WHEN I DO...

WOULD YOU APPOINT ME OFFICIALLY AS THE HEIR OF MAMIYA?

DO YOU THINK ANYONE IN MAMIYA WILL LET SUCH A THING HAPPEN?

AND FIRST OF ALL, WHAT IF YOU FAIL? YOU WON'T GET OFF LIGHTLY.

OF COURSE.

IN THIS CASE, I WILL GIVE UP ALL AMBITIONS OF BECOMING HEIR.

WAIT!

WHY DID IT COME TO THIS SO SUD-DENLY?!

YOU SAID YOU'D KEEP ON ACHIEVING THINGS .

SO YOU ARE AGAINST IT?

I DON'T UNDER-STAND IT! WHAT'S THE REASON TO HURRY SO MUCH?!

SLOWLY BUT SURELY, LIKE UNTIL NOW

I SEE. YOU MARRIED ME IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE I'LL REMAIN A PRESIDENT

THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE AGAINST THIS.

AND I HAVE NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN EVEN IF YOU TERMINATE THE MARRIAGE.

BUT...

THERE'S NO WAY I'D DO SUCH A THING NOW !

PLEASE, WAIT, CALM DOWN.

WHY .

.ARE YOU SO OBSESSED WITH REACHING THE TOP OF MAMIYA?

IS IT REVENGE, AFTER ALL?

YOU HATE US ALL FOR BRINGING YOU TO SUCH A PLACE...

ON THE CONTRARY, I'M NOTHING BUT GRATEFUL TO YOU, GRAND-FATHER

RE-- VENGE?

NO, I HAVE NO REASON TO DO THAT ..

YOU ARE THE REASON I MET HER.

EVEN IF IT'S AGAINST OUR ORIGINAL CONTRACT,

I DON'T WANT TO PART FROM HER ANY-MORE.

HOWEVER.

I DON'T WANT TO PART FROM YOU, TOO!

ME TOO..!

?!

WE CANNOT REALLY BECOME HUSBAND AND WIFE.

AT THIS RATE,

I KNOW THIS IS A VERY SELFISH REQUEST I'M MAKING.

I WANT TO PUT AN END TO MY CURRENT SITUATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BUT FOR HER AND FOR MY OWN SAKE,

THIS IS HOW THINGS ARE.

SO PLEASE.

I UNDER-STAND.

Hokuto...

He even bowed...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

We cannot become real husband and wife..?

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE MADE A SELFISH REQUEST. I'LL TRY TO PERSUADE THE CHAIRMAN.

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE LOST IF YOU BRING MAMIYA TOURISM OUT OF THE RED

EVEN IF YOU FAIL, IT WOULD BE NO FAULT OF YOURS.

It's no wonder...

...that my anxiety is taking over me.

This bet is too dangerous.

Why is what we have now no good?

He never complained about anything. I was going to keep on supporting him.

STOP, PLEASE!

the last twenty years of his life will have been for nothing.

If he failed,

And more importantly,

no matter how well he has thought it through...

I'M SORRY, BUT COULD YOU BACK OFF?

PLEASE, COME AGAIN SOME OTHER DAY—

THE PRESIDENT HAS ANOTHER APPOINTMENT.

BANG

PRESIDENT SHITARA!

THAT'S THE REASON ALL THIS TIME YOU'VE BEEN —

WHAT HAPPENED?

WEREN'T YOU GOING TO CLIMB TO THE TOP OF MAMIYA?!

WHAT'S THIS,

ALL OF A SUDDEN?

THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO ASK YOU!

I JUST CHANGED THE WAY TO GET THERE A LITTLE.

MY GOAL HAS NOT CHANGED.

YOU'VE CHANGED

YOU DIDN'T USE TO BE THE TYPE OF PERSON TO DO SOMETHING SO INEFFICIENT.

YOU CHANGED IT ?

IT'S A DETOUR, THAT'S WHAT IT IS!

..

WITH TIME, EVEN I CAN CHANGE.

I THINK I ALREADY TOLD YOU.

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOU ANYMORE

..

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO UNDERSTAND ME.

..

THAT'S ALL RIGHT

I HAVE TO MEET WITH EVERYONE PERSONALLY BEFORE I LEAVE, SO I'M BUSY.

NOW EXCUSE ME

I HAVE ANOTHER APPOINTMENT.

PRESIDENT SHITARA.

I WILL COME TO SEE YOU, TOO, WHEN YOUR TURN COMES.

Sunday

WO...

NO.

I FINISHED MY MEETINGS TO INFORM PEOPLE OF MY RESIGNATION.

WON'T YOU GO TO THE COMPANY TODAY?

I'm stuck on what he said the other day

I can't help myself.

I SEE..

I'M TAKING OVER MY NEW POST FROM NEXT WEEK.

EH!

It's the weekend. I should be sincerely happy.

CHIWA

WHAT IS IT? DOES IT MAKE YOU NERVOUS THAT I'M FREE ON A WEEKEND?

N-NOTHING OF THE SORT!

WELL, WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO. WE'RE FREE.

UGH, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

IT'S STILL THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY, BUT.

HOW ABOUT WE DO SOME-THING DIRTY?

HOKUTO

No...

Bzzzz

EH!

EH!

THIS IS TOO SUDDEN!

I can't...

...get in the mood at a moment's notice.

But the more I think about it...

I must believe in Hokuto's choice. I must

As a wife

WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO.

SO IT MAKES YOU UNEASY, AFTER ALL.

THIS IS A PROB-LEM

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT *HAPPINESS* IS FOR ME.

AFTER YOU SAID THAT THING A FEW DAYS AGO,

THA--

THAT'S NOT TRUE! I'M NOT WORRIED!

.. REACHING THE GOAL I'VE HAD FOR TWENTY YEARS NOW.

AND I FOUND OUT THAT IT'S NOT...

"HAPPI-
NESS" IS
LIVING BY
YOUR SIDE,

AND
DYING
BY YOUR
SIDE.

AH...

UGH...

JUST SHUT UP AND LISTEN.

I'M NOT GOING TO THROW AWAY THE LAST TWENTY YEARS OF MY LIFE, WHEN I LIVED ONLY FOR MYSELF AND MY DECEASED MOTHER AND DENIED EVERY-THING ABOUT MY FATHER.

BUT I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS ANY-MORE...

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANY MORE OF THE TIME I HAVE TO BE WITH YOU

ONCE ALL THIS IS SETTLED, I WILL GIVE THE REST OF MY LIFE...

...TO YOU ONLY.

THAT'S WHY,

BELIEVE IN ME AND WAIT.

Drop

PROPOSAL?

IT WAS LIKE A PROPOSAL.

AH.

SORRY, THAT WAS SO MOVING...

PRO-POSAL, I SEE...

COME TO THINK OF IT, I NEVER REALLY PROPERLY PROPOSED TO YOU.

YES, YOU DIDN'T!

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO?

Y-YES!

THEN..

SNIFF

NO, CAN'T DO

IF YOU WANTED ME TO PROPOSE, TRY COAXING ME INTO IT.

EH- EEEEH?!

SAY "I WANT YOU TO DO IT!" AND "PLEASE!" AND "DEAR HUSBAND" AND SO ON.

..

Pinch

...only after we've become husband and wife.

Exchanging vows...

The order is completely reversed.

But I guess our real startline is right here.

AH!

P-please.

Ha ha ha ha ha!

AH! MAMIYA, DO YOU EAT HERE, TOO?

ASAHINA-SAN!

Endless

UGH... WHAT A LINE.

My lunch break will be over before I get there

YOU CAME TOO LATE.

AH I'M SORRY.

ALL RIGHT, I'LL BUY LUNCH FOR TWO.

GIVE ME THE MONEY

PULL

THANK YOU! YOU SAVED ME!

BY THE WAY, I HEARD SOMETHING FROM SAKURABA-SAN.

HERE

WILL HE ANNUL YOUR MARRIAGE, TOO?

EH?

EH, WELL.

FOR VARIOUS REASONS...

Can I have my lunch ?

IS IT TRUE...

...THAT YOUR HUSBAND RESIGNED FROM HIS PRESIDENTIAL POST AT MAMIYA ENTERPRISES?

Eh?

!

HOW DO YOU KNOW?!

WHO TOLD YOU?!

I DON'T GET YOU!

I HEARD THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE COMPLICATED,

BUT YOU WERE FORCED TO MARRY HIM SO THAT HE CAN REMAIN IN HIS POSITION AS PRESIDENT, RIGHT?

AND ON TOP OF THAT, IF HE'S ALREADY BROKEN HIS SIDE OF THE CONTRACT, THERE'S NO REASON TO REMAIN MARRIED, RIGHT?

I'M SURE YOUR DEBT MUST'VE BEEN HORRIBLE, BUT WHY DID YOU AGREE ON SUCH A DESOLATE MARRIAGE?

B-BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE TOGETHER.

THERE IS A REASON TO REMAIN MARRIED...

WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS ..

HOW MUCH CAN YOU STAND TO SACRIFICE FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S SAKE?

YOU MARRIED HIM SO THAT HE CAN CONTINUE TO BE PRESIDENT.

HOW CAN YOU BE FINE WITH HIM RESIGNING FROM THAT POST?

ISN'T HE BEING WAY TOO EGOISTIC?

HE HAS YOU WRAPPED AROUND HIS LITTLE FINGER

I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU

YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!

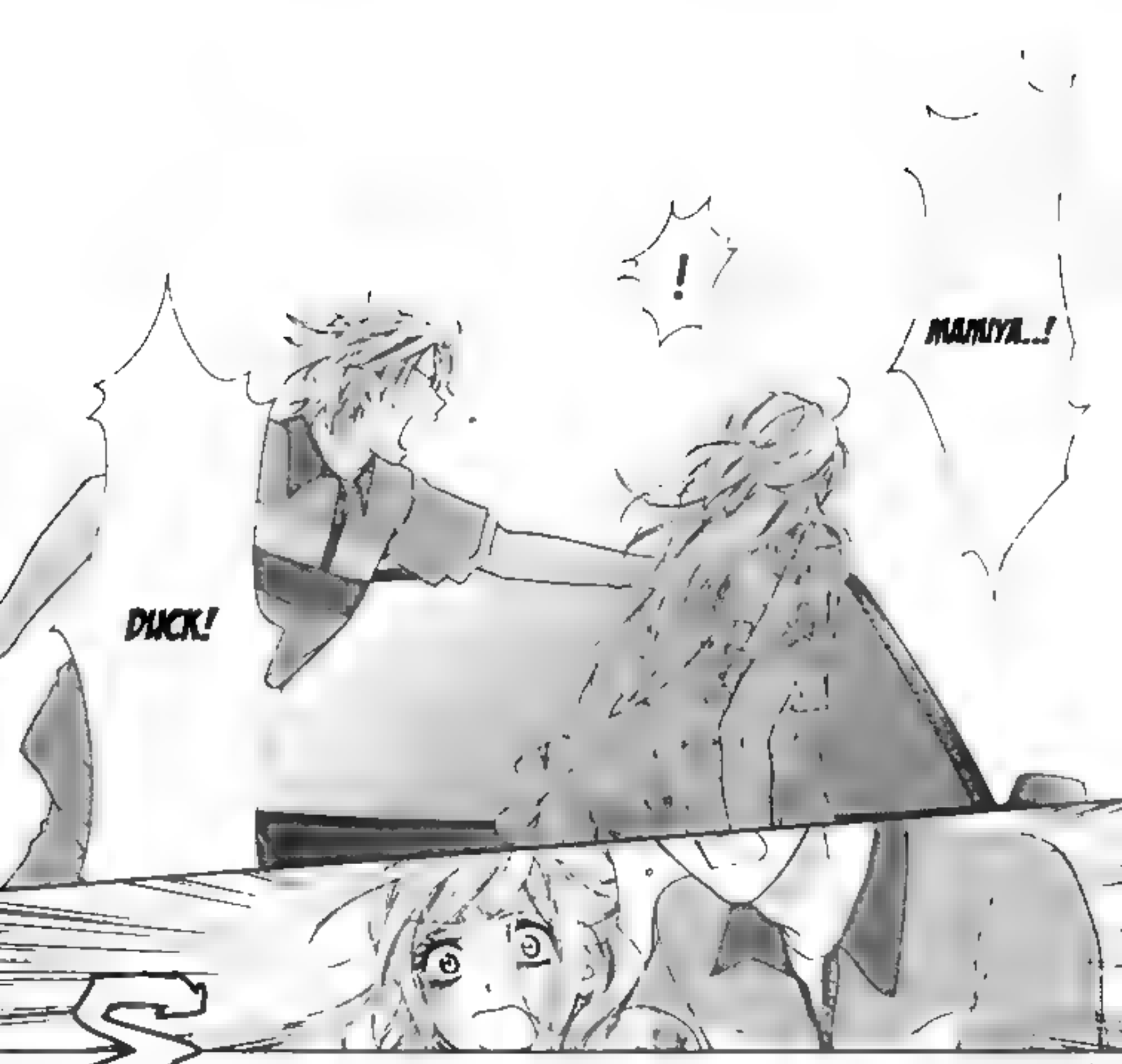
YOUR HAPPINESS IS —

AH!

KEEP THE LUNCH

I'M GOING BACK.

AH... HEY!



SCREEEEK

..!

HN

EH

UGH

ASAHINA-SAN?!

Kiyohiko in South America

RAWR
Why won't you release the next chapter?!
Can I help you?

What can I do to help?
Fan Girl

It's not like YOU helped out any.
We don't have enough translators or editors.
Stop yelling already
!!!

Visit our website for details.
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THE RAPID TEAM BEHIND YOUR FAVORITE RELEASES!

Hapi Mari
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Hokuto has a free weekend! So why haven't you started molesting him yet, Chiwa?!?!?

- Lacaille

Book Step

Can I tell you what my "resolve" is?

Asahina-san shielded me from a car that had ignored the red light.

He had laceration of the scalp, a fractured left arm and numerous abrasions.

But fortunately, his life in not in danger. He is in full consciousness and the doctors say he won't suffer any permanent damage.

But the car ran away...

...and his condition will keep him away from work.

I feel so guilty. I visit him every day.

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ASAHINA
KANAME

KNOCK

ASAHINA-SAN, IT'S ME.

MAY I COME IN?

AH, MAMIYA?

GOOD AFTER- NO—

OH?!

However_

I never expected this to happen_

EHM

...

CURRENT HUSBAND

EX-BOY-FRIEND

M-MY HUSBAND INSISTED THAT HE SHOULD COME TO THANK YOU AGAIN, ASAHINA-SAN.

AH, T-THERE WAS NO NEED...

Really, you didn't have to.

What...

AH, YES, MAMIYA.

P-PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT.

What should I do? What can I do?!

AH, YES! TEA!

Eeeck... I was saved.

TEA. !

!

COULD YOU GO BUY ME SOME TEA?

THAT'S WHY I HAD TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL AND THE POLICE AND IT WAS TERRIBLE,

BUT MY SCRATCHES ARE NOTHING SERIOUS.

CAR. ?

I was in such a hurry that I didn't have time to tell Asahina-san.

IN-STEAD OF ME..

GRAB

ASAHINA-SAN GOT—

But...

WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL ME RIGHT AWAY?!

It was clear that he was remembering his mother's death in a car accident.

silence

I couldn't ignore Hokuto's feelings about this.

Box of sweets

AH THAT'S RIGHT.

I'M SORRY, TOO.

.ONLY IN HOS-PITALS.

I'M SORRY WE ALWAYS MEET...

I'M ALWAYS IN YOUR WIFE'S CARE...

AT FIRST I THOUGHT THAT WAS ALL RIGHT,

WITH MY PARENTS LIVING SO FAR AWAY AND ALL.

AT THE MOMENT,

I DON'T EVEN HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND TO TAKE CARE OF ME

I HEARD ABOUT THE CIRCUM-STANCES OF THE AC-CIDENT.

IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR YOU,

SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN

NO, PLEASE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.

IT'S ONLY NATURAL.

SELF-HATRED

AND... WHY AM I MAKING EXCUSES?

I LOST A CLOSE RELA-TIVE TO A HIT-AND-RUN ACCIDENT BEFORE

I WAS VERY CLOSE, YET I COULDN'T DO ANY-THING.

THAT'S WHY I THINK THAT IF YOU HAD NOT SAVED HER...

.MY FAMILY FOR A SECOND TIME...

I WOULD HAVE LOST...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I'M SORRY ABOUT BEFORE.

THE LAST TIME WE MET

AH EHM

I SAID THAT IF YOU'RE A REAL COUPLE,

YOU SHOULD COME RUNNING TO HER.

I'M VERY SORRY I DIDN'T KNOW

IT WAS IMPUDENT OF ME TO SPEAK LIKE THAT

I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO ACT...

BONK

YOU'RE WAY TOO SELF CONSCIOUS, YOU IDIOT.

GIVE ME ONE OF THESE. I'LL WAIT OUT-SIDE.

W-WHAT DID YOU SAY TO ASAHINA-SAN..?

SHOCK

IF YOU'RE JUST BUYING TEA,

HOW MANY KILO-METERS DID YOU WALK TO BUY IT?

B-BUT..

I TOLD HIM I'LL DO ANY-THING IN MY POWER TO GET HIM OUT OF THE HOSPITAL ASAP,

SO DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL BE FREE OF YOUR NURSING DUTY IN NO TIME.

THAT WAS COER-CION.

Only naturally my ass

WELL,

IT'S TRUE THAT I THANKED HIM, BUT...

AH!

WAIT

WELL, TAKE CARE OF THIS QUICKLY AND LET'S GO.

AH .

HM?

WHAT IS IT?

By chance...

All right.

I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU

SORRY, IT'S NO-THING

...the hospital where Asahina-san was taken...

...is the same hospital where his father is.

He should have known that, but he didn't show any indication of knowing that in the least.

IF YOU HAVE ANY WASHING TO DO, I'LL--

I'M SORRY.

It got lukewarm

SORRY FOR THE DELAY WITH THE TEA.

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ASAHINA KANAME

I MISUNDER-STOOD A LOT OF THINGS ABOUT YOUR HUSBAND.

IF IT WERE JUST A CONTRACT MARRIAGE,

HE WOULD NOT HAVE GONE SO FAR AS TO BOW TO ME...

EH?

AH

HE'S HEAD OVER HEELS FOR YOU.

AND HE REALLY DROVE HIS POINT HOME.

And ordered me to get out of the hospital

HAA.

I'M SORRY. HE KNOWS.

EH?! NO WAY! DOES HE?!

HE'S NOT SUPPOSED TO KNOW WE WERE KIND OF CLOSE BEFORE.

Oops!

IF HE HAD KNOWN, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TERRIBLE...

I WAS SERIOUSLY GOING ALL OUT AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE FOR NOTHING. WHAT AN IDIOT I AM.

AND HERE I THOUGHT THIS TIME I WOULD BE YOUR SAVIOR.

HAHA. HE KNEW AND HE STILL BOWED.

THAT'S NO GOOD.

JUST IMAGINE THAT I'M TALKING TO MYSELF AND LISTEN.

AH, WHAT-EVER.

I WON'T TALK ABOUT YOU TWO ANYMORE.

I'M SORRY

Asahina-san...

THERE WAS KOSEKI, RIGHT?

THE GIRL WHO WENT TO TELL YOU SHE IS DATING ME.

BACK THEN, SHE HAD RECENTLY HAD PROBLEMS WITH HER BOYFRIEND.

SHE CONFIDED IN ME AND WHILE I WAS TRYING TO HELP HER,

JUST FOR ONCE, WE SOMEHOW ENDED UP TOGETHER.

BUT ..

YOU LOVE TAKANASHI-SAN?!

THEN WHY DID YOU DO IT WITH ME?!

WHEN YOU DO SUCH A THING,

YOU WILL ACTUALLY HURT A LOT OF PEOPLE

I HAD NOTHING TO REPLY TO THAT.

DID YOU THINK YOU WERE BEING KIND TO ME?!

THAT'S NOT KINDNESS AT ALL!

THAT'S WHY I THINK THAT MAYBE WHEN I GOT IN TOUCH WITH YOU AFTER YOU QUIT THE UNIVERSITY,

I MAY HAVE BEEN DOING IT JUST BECAUSE I WAS SELF-COMPLACENT.

BACK THEN, I THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD THING TO TREAT EVERYONE WITH KINDNESS

I WAS FULL OF MYSELF.

BACK THEN, THE PERSON THAT I WAS ..

. WAS REALLY HAPPY.

That's why something felt different when we met again.

EVEN IF THAT'S SO...

WITH THAT KIND OF THINKING,

IT WAS EASY TO GET CONFUSED AND THINK IT WAS ALL RIGHT TO FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU AND TO CHASE AFTER YOU.

YOU SAVED ME.

AND THIS IS THE TRUTH.

EHM ..

SOMETHING HAS BEEN BOTHERING ME

MAY I ASK .

...WHO TOLD YOU THAT OURS IS A CONTRACT MARRIAGE?

AH

AH, I HAVE TO GET MARRIED ALREADY.

I HAVE NOBODY TO TAKE CARE OF ME AT SUCH TIMES.

Am I that unsuitable for Hokuto?

Do I look like such a hindrance?

clench

MAMIYA?

WELL, I DIDN'T GET A GOOD VIBE FROM THE WAY SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT IT

IT NEVER HURTS TO BE TOO CAREFUL WITH PEOPLE LIKE HER

I don't even expect...

...to get her approval.

YES.

I knew it...

She wants to pull me away...

...from Hokuto at any price.

DO YOU KNOW MICHELLE HEARTS' PRESIDENT SHITARA?

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT SHE KNEW ALL ABOUT IT AND TOLD ME

WELL, MAYBE I WAS WRONG FOR LISTENING TO HER, TOO

I'LL GO WAIT IN THE CAR

But...

...at this rate...

SIGH

SHE'S LATE AGAIN

HOKUTO ..?

EH?

A RELA-TIVE OF YOURS?

AH

NO.

pass

ARE YOU SURE?

I WANT TO GO BACK IN IT'S HOT OUT HERE

YES

EXCUSE ME.

NO,

CHIWA-SAN HASN'T SAID A SINGLE WORD ABOUT ANY OF THIS IN MY HOSPITAL ROOM.

I HEARD FROM SOUMA.

YOU ARE RESIGNING FROM YOUR POST AT MAMIYA ENTER-PRISES?

WHY ARE YOU ACTING SO DESPE-RATE?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO TELL ME YOU ARE NOT HERE TO SEE ME I AL-READY KNOW THAT.

HIS PER-SONALITY IS AS ROTTEN AS EVER

THAT BRANCH ..?

DO YOU HAVE ANY CHANCES OF SUC-CESS?

YES

I WAS PROMISED TO BE APPOINTED AS HEIR OF THE WHOLE MAMIYA GROUP,

IF I MA-NAGE TO PULL MAMIYA TOU-RISM OUT OF THE RED WI-THIN ONE YEAR

I CAN'T BE-LIEVE YOU ARE SEVERING TIES EVEN WITH THE BUSINESS YOU INHERITED FROM ME.

FOR CHIWA'S SAKE.

BUT WHY DID YOU HAVE TO RESORT TO SUCH A GAMBLE?

WELL, YOU'RE NOT STUPID, SO YOU PROBABLY DO HAVE THEM

I DON'T WANT HER TO GO ALONG ..

...WITH MY WILD AMBI-TIONS AND SUFFER ANY-MORE.

I SEE.

WHY NOT? IF THE ODDS ARE ON YOUR SIDE.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD YOU SAY YOU ARE DOING ANYTHING FOR ANYONE ELSE'S SAKE.

ANYWAY, IT SEEMS THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR ME TO WORRY ABOUT.

EH?

HOKUTO!

YES, IT'S ME. COULD YOU COME GET ME?

WORRY ?

AH, CHIWA-SAN. I HEARD IT WAS TERRIBLE?

GOOD TO SEE IT WASN'T SERIOUS.

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE WAITING IN THE CAR.

FATHER-IN-LAW, YOU TOO..?

I'M GLAD WE WERE ABLE TO TALK, HOKUTO.

GOODBYE.

I'M GOING BACK

CHIWA-SAN, COME TO MY ROOM WHENEVER YOU FEEL LIKE IT.

IT'S BE-CAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID.

HM?

I KNOW! I DIDN'T ASK YOU,

YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE EX-CUSES!

Not you too

WE JUST MET BY CHANCE.

I REMEMBERED THE WAY YOU SAID "EVEN IF HE'S LIKE THAT, HE'S STILL MY FATHER."

EH...

EH?! JUST THOSE FEW WORDS?!

THAT'S RIGHT.

W-WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

MY RESIGNATION FROM MAMIYA ENTERPRISES.

AND THAT'S ALL ?

WHAT ELSE IS THERE?

BUT WELL...

I know that if I ask father-in-law...

...he will tell me the truth.

SO, HOW WAS IT?

DID SOMETHING CHANGE AFTER YOU TRIED TALKING TO HIM?

?

HMMM? WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO CHANGE?

SURE WELL, ANYWAY

But I feel that plenty has changed,

just by the simple fact that "they talked."

WHAT?

THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO SAY AGAIN.

MAYBE I WILL HAVE EVEN LESS TIME FOR YOU THAN BEFORE.

FROM NOW ON, I EXPECT TO BE AS BUSY AS I WAS BEFORE.

MAYBE I WILL MAKE YOU EVEN SADDER THAN I HAVE DONE BEFORE.

BUT I DO HAVE A CHANCE TO

THE GOAL ISN'T DISTANT AND UNCLEAR ANYMORE.

HM?

ALL RIGHT

WHAT IS IT—

How long has she been there?

SHITARA?

Gasp

TURN

DASH

HEY!

SHITARA-SAN!

I MIGHT LOOK AS IF I'M GETTING IN HOKUTO'S WAY,

SHOCK

BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE ANYMORE!

HOKUTO'S WIFE IS ME.

NO MATTER WHAT HAP-PENED,

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU HAVE BEEN WOR-RYING.

I WILL NEVER PART FROM HOKUTO..!

IS THAT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?!

JUST SO THAT YOU KNOW, I BROKE UP WITH HER PROPERLY...

SHE'S YOUR EX, *YOU* TELL HER SOME-THING!

WHAT THE?! WHY ARE YOU TALKING AS IF THIS DOESN'T CONCERN YOU?!

And whose fault is that?

WHAT..?

NOTHING I JUST THOUGHT THAT WAS SOME SPEECH, COMING FROM YOU

AND YOU ALREADY SAID EVERYTHING I WANTED TO SAY.

HEY, WAIT! WHAT'S WRONG, ALL OF A SUD-DEN?

STAY AWAY.

I DON'T WANT TO KNOW YOU.

turn

I'M GOING HOME ALONE...

I TOLD YOU TO WAIT!

IDIOT.

YOU'RE AN IDIOT, HOKUTO.

OF COURSE THAT WASN'T EVERYTHING I WANTED TO SAY.

BUT...

I COULDN'T SAY EVERY-THING I WANT TO!

I COULDN'T POSSIBLY SAY THE THINGS I WANT TO SAY IN FRONT OF YOU.

YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND ANYTHING, HOKUTO.

I'M SO...

MUDDLED...

NO

I'M ANGRY NOW AND I LOOK LIKE A PIG.

TURN THIS WAY CHINA

ARGH, ENOUGH—

I SAID NO WHICH MEANS NO!

I DON'T CARE HOW YOU LOOK...

NO!

JUST SHOW ME YOUR FACE AL-READY.

LET ME G—

THIS LOOKS LIKE A WOMAN'S FACE TO ME.

PIG?

WHERE?

I DON'T KNOW YOU...

LET ME GO.

I UNDER-STAND. YOU LOVE ME TOO MUCH,

THAT'S WHY YOU BECOME LIKE THIS.

...IS VERY AROUSING.

THIS FACE THAT HAS BECOME SO SOPPY BE-CAUSE OF ME

YA

ENOUGH!

NK

HEY

...!

...

WHAT?!

THIS IS PAYBACK

FOR ALWAYS LOOKING AT ME FROM UP ABOVE AND PLAYING COOL AND COM-POSED.

I THINK OF YOU *MUCH MUCH MORE* THAN SHE DOES.

JUST SO THAT YOU KNOW

I WON'T LET YOU GO EVEN IF YOU'RE DEAD TIRED OF ME

IT'S FOREVER! FOR LIFE! UNTIL DEATH! ABSOLUTELY!

EVEN IF YOU SAY YOU HATE ME.

WHAT AN INTENSE KISS .

WHEN DID SHE LEARN TO DO THIS. ?

. . . .

I'm going home!

I WENT WEAK AT THE KNEES

ABSO-LUTELY. DO YOU HEAR ME?!

LET'S NOT TELL HER THAT

<30th Step Can I tell you what my "resolve" is?> *The End*

He let his forelocks grow a little longer
On the occasion of getting the new post,
BECAUSE IT HIDES THE RECEDING HAIRLINE MAKES ME LOOK YOUNGER
JUST A TEENY TINY BIT

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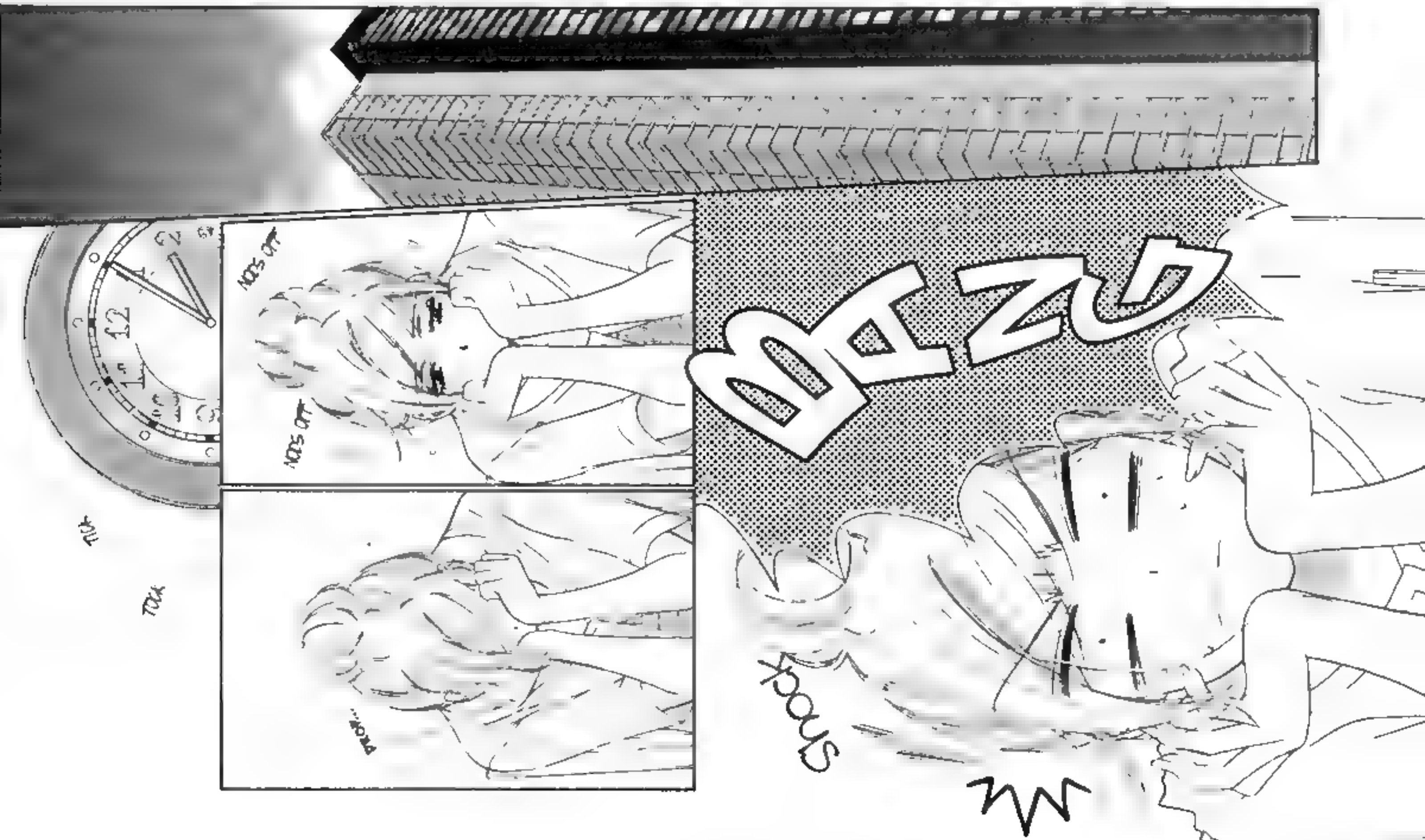
AHAHAHAHAHA. Receeding hairline!!! AHAHAHAHAHA! *points at Hokuto while he looks on glaring*

- Lacaille

31st Step
You won't leave me on my own, will you?


NOTS OFF
BWOW...
SMACK
MM

HOKUTO, NO!

DON'T SLEEP AT SUCH A PLACE!

WAKE UP!

...!

JUMP

EH? WHY ARE YOU AWAKE?

BECAUSE OF YOU, HOKUTO!

Every single day.

Again!

This is Hokuto's condition after the reassignment, and if he's not careful, he'll really be in danger.

I thought he was too busy before,

but now I see he still had some freedom back then.

JUST GO TAKE A BATH!

PLEASE!

IF I LEAVE YOU ALONE, YOU'LL FALL ASLEEP IN THE BATHTUB...

I'M ALL RIGHT ALREADY.

JUST GO TO BED BEFORE ME.

EH? DID YOU SAY ANY-THING?

NOT REALLY

I don't think I can complain about Hokuto's choice.

HM?

IT'S SO QUIET

Bang

DO NOT FALL ASLEEP!

SPLASH

Is this really all right?

But in the end, the only one who puts effort into it is Hokuto.

I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT BUT

HE'LL RUIN HIS HEALTH WITH ALL THIS OVER-WORKING

I'm worried, but...

EH?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WE HAVEN'T DONE IT IN TWO WEEKS

BUT IT'S BETTER TO GO TO SLEEP TONIGHT

No, it's nothing.

SILENCE
!!!

sigh

I'm worried...

...and all I can do is sigh more and more often.

SILENCE

He was shocked too

I HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING, YOU KNOW?

...

IT'S NOT AS IF IT WAS YOUR FAULT, EITHER.

WHAT?

L-LAST NIGHT, I WAS JUST TOO TIRED.

IT'S NOT THAT I'M GROWING OLD

OR ANYTHING OF THE SORT.

stand

I SHOULD GO .

AH, HOKUTO

WHY DONT YOU STOP USING THE CAR?

IN THE STATE YOU'RE IN, YOU MIGHT GET INTO A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.

IT'S FINE.

I'M GOING NOW.

AH.

WHEN I HAVE TO, I'LL USE A TAXI.

I guess... He doesn't want me to worry.

CLOSE

I knew that, but...

Sigh

And sure enough, something happened quite soon.

MRS MAMIYA?

ARE YOU AT HOME RIGHT NOW?

I WONDER WHAT IT IS

OPEN

Ouch

SOUMA-SAN?

I'M SORRY, BUT COULD YOU COME DOWN TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE MANSION?

YES...?

MADAM.

H-HOKUTO?!

MAYBE BECAUSE OF THE ALCOHOL, HE SUDDENLY FELT ILL.

IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE OF ALL THE STRESS PILING UP ..

THERE WAS A BUSINESS RECEPTION ..

WHAT HAPPENED?! HOKUTO!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SOUMA-SAN

I'LL HELP YOU TAKE HIM TO HIS ROOM.

...HM?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, HOKUTO?

HERE, HAVE SOME WATER

HOKUTO...!

PRESI-DENT!

PRESI-DENT... I'M SORRY,

BUT I DECIDED TO CANCEL YOUR APPOINT-MENTS FOR TOMORROW MORNING

WHA...!

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?! HOW COULD YOU DECIDE THAT ON YOUR OWN?!

BUT I THINK IN THIS CON-DITION, YOU WON'T GET ANY RESULTS FROM THEM ANYWAY—

I KNOW YOU ARE UNDER THE OLD MAN'S DIRECT SUPERVISION, BUT YOU'RE STILL *MY* EMPLOYEE!

SINCE WHEN ARE YOU IN ANY POSITION TO—

STOP, HOKUTO! DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS!

I ASKED HER TO DO IT!

SHE SAID SHE COULD ARRANGE SOMETHING FOR THE MORNING APPOINT-MENTS, SO I DID IT!

WHAT ...?!

...

THAT'S NONE...

...OF YOUR BUSINESS ..!

I SHOULDN'T MEDDLE IN YOUR AFFAIRS ANYMORE,

BUT THIS TIME LET ME SAY THIS!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GROWN MAN!

PRESI-DENT!

That's none...

...of my business...

SOUMA...!

Hmph!

YOU STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND ANYTHING!

IN ANY OF THE THINGS YOUR WIFE CARES ABOUT,

IF YOU WANT TO FIRE ME, GO AHEAD.

I WON'T BE ANY WORSE FOR IT!

YOU ARE STILL DRIPPING WET BEHIND THE EARS!

!

...

HORRIBLE...

NOW IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME, I'M GOING HOME.

AND ANYWAY, JUST REST TOMORROW MORNING!

GOOD-BYE!

THE WAY YOU TREATED SOUMA-SAN... JUST BECAUSE SHE COULDN'T BE INDIFFERENT TO YOUR CONDITION.

WHO'S THE TERRIBLE ONE HERE?

DEPRIVING ME OF MY WORK JUST BECAUSE I GOT DRUNK

SHE HAD TO BOW TO SO MANY PEOPLE..

BUT I——

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO? ABOUT MY WORK?

MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, WHY ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE WORKING SO HARD?!

ISN'T THAT WEIRD?! IT'S FOR BOTH OF OUR FUTURES!

BUT I WON'T STAND TO BE TREATED AS YOU PLEASE IN THIS CONDITION

I UNDER-STAND YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT MY HEALTH

SO WHY DID YOU CANCEL MY APPOINT-MENTS?

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING I CAN HELP WITH...?

THEN ALL THE MORE REASON NOT TO DO ANYTHING.

IN SHORT, IF YOU'RE SO CONCERNED ABOUT OUR COMMON FUTURE,

WHAT'S WRONG WITH STAYING PUT AND WAITING?

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND A THING ABOUT MY WORK.

I WON'T DO ANYTHING ANYMORE!

I WON'T LOOK AFTER YOU, I WON'T DO ANYTHING!

NO. WHAT I SAID WAS A BIT —

I SEE!

YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO.

NO WASHING, NO CLEANING, NO COOKING, NOTHING!

I WON'T DO ANYTHING AT ALL!

IT'S "NONE OF MY BUSINESS," AND I DON'T WANT TO GET IN YOUR WAY.

I UNDER-STAND.

D-DO WHAT YOU WANT!

I'VE LIVED ALONE FOR LONG ENOUGH!

IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE!

IS IT?!

THEN DO YOUR BEST ON YOUR OWN!

AH! AND YOU'LL SLEEP IN YOUR OWN ROOM FROM NOW ON!

PISSED

GLADLY!

Depression

What...

What am I doing after three years of marriage...?

WHAT IS IT? SUMMER SLUMP?

MUST BE IT'S STILL SO HOT.

No matter how angry I was, it's no excuse. *Sigh*

I know what an important time this is.

Why did I do that...?

"You don't understand...

...a thing about my work"

Only Hokuto's

..

I was more sad rather than angry.

What Hokuto said was perfectly true

SHE REALLY DO.T

SHE PLANNED TO LEAVE ONLY MY THINGS UNWASHED

I know that he doesn't need my help.

OPEN

I DON'T CARE

WHEN I'M OUT OF SHIRTS AND UNDER-WEAR, I CAN JUST BUY NEW ONES

TURN

DASH

SLAM

MESS

S-SHE'S STICKING TO HER GUNS

HMPH.

SHOVE

FLOP

...

← Chiwa's Room

This is no good, after all.

I couldn't back off now even if I wanted to

Only hey own clothes

Will it not be better to say sorry

...and return things to the way they were?

But...

I can't help being worried.

What is he doing about his laundry?

Is he eating properly?

...a thing about my work."

"You don't understand...

.....

YOU ALWAYS SAY YOU HAVE TO BE HOME FOR YOUR HUSBAND.

IS TODAY ALL RIGHT?

IT'S FINE HE LET ME COME

ISN'T THIS THE FIRST TIME

YOU'VE COME TO SUCH A DRINKING PARTY, MAMIYA-SAN?

I WISH ASAHINA-KUN HAD COME, TOO

HE SAID HE'LL BE OUT OF THE HOSPITAL ANY DAY NOW.

Somehow, I don't want to go home.

THERE ISN'T EVEN BEER!

THE FRIDGE IS COM-MMPLETELY EMPTY!

"President, you are...

...dripping wet behind the ears!"

Let's go eat out.

AND SHE ISN'T HOME EVEN AT THIS HOUR

IT'S A WORK DAY TOMORROW!

How many days has it been?

Forget about touching her.

She hasn't even spoken to me.

And it's not even as if one of us has left the house.

Even though we're supposed to be living together...

No! Please, do not be alarmed.

I-MAX

It finally has to dawn on him that he no longer lives alone.

It's high time he understood.

I didn't intend...

...to teach him a lesson...

B-BUT HE MAKES YOU GO BUY HIM SHIRTS, SOUMA-SAN!

It's all right

The President has to be taught to appreciate what you do for him.

THAT'S RIGHT. NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE HAS IGNORED ME,

I...

I SHOULD NOT HAVE LEFT HIM ALONE *ON MY OWN FREE WILL.*

YES...

THAT'S RIGHT, SOUMA-SAN.

EH?

Alone...

What was I doing?

?

AH? YES...

Thank you very much

See you

Anyway

If I was of any service, I'm glad.

NO.

I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF MY HUSBAND TONIGHT.

AH, I SEE.

MAMIYA-SAN, WE'RE GOING OUT AGAIN TONGIHT. ARE YOU COMING?

AH...

Oww! It hurts!
Ouch!

Today is going to be a busy day! I have to do the laundry and wash the dishes and do plenty of other chores...

Even though I'm not sure I'll get them

...let go of Hokuto's hand on my own.

I must never...

THUD

THUD

OPEN

...

...

I'M HO-

CREAK

DARN IT'S BECOME A HABIT.

If you're hungry, please eat
If not, please put it in the fridge

?!

OPEN

WHERE ARE YOU, CHI-

CHIWA?!

Y-YOU'RE HOME EARLY

sneak

WELCOME HOME...

Thump thump

IT . IT'S AS IT'S WRITTEN ON THAT NOTE.

SO GOOD NIGHT.

BANG

HEY . . .!

SLAM

Eh'

I ALSO ..

...CLEANED YOUR ROOM.

SEE YOU.

...

..

BANG

HEY!

I ALSO DID THE LAUNDRY.

SO YOU'RE NOT HUNGRY AFTER ALL?

NO...

I'M AT MY LIMIT.

I UNDERSTAND

PHYSICALLY.

BUT I COULDN'T ADMIT IT

THERE'S A LIMIT TO WHAT I CAN DO ON MY OWN.

I'M NOT OMNIPOTENT.

OF COURSE, HOKUTO!

ANYTHING! FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES!

OF COURSE ..!

Souma was very professional.

I'M SO GLAD

EHM, THAT DIDN'T CAUSE ANY PARTICULAR TROUBLE

EH?

WAAAA

I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT THAT.

I'M SORRY! I CANCELLED YOUR APPOINTMENTS!

ANYTHING IS FINE! JUST SAY IT!

AH, YEAH...

TELL ME, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

You still don't understand anything!

?

If any of the things your wife cares about...

I SEE NOW...

EH? WHAT?

NOTHING. FOR NOW, IT'LL BE A BIG HELP IF YOU JUST LOOK AFTER ME.

THE SAME THINGS YOU HAVE BEEN DOING UP UNTIL NOW.

THE SAME THINGS UNTIL NOW... I SEE...

...

Well, of the top of my head, yes.

?

ALL RIGHT?

IN THAT CASE,

SEE ME OFF TO WORK IN THE MORNING.

YES.

IS IT ALL RIGHT FOR ME TO DRIVE?

YES, SO I CAN SLEEP IN THE CAR.

EH? YOU MEAN, BY CAR?

KISS

I DON'T UNDER-STAND, BUT ALL RIGHT.

ANY-THING ELSE?

I WANT .

..TO HAVE MY REVENGE FOR LAST TIME.

I DON'T REALLY MIND ABOUT THAT, REALLY.

Sigh

TH-THAT'S ALL RIGHT, BUT ARE YOU SURE?

scoop

I DON'T MIND.

YES.

GET IT INTO YOUR THICK HEAD ALREADY.

CREAK

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU

HOKUTO..

REMEMBER ME WHENEVER YOU'RE IN TROUBLE

WHAT?

BUT EVEN SO,

I'LL ALWAYS COME TO YOUR RESCUE, HOKUTO.

MAYBE THERE'S ALMOST NOTHING I CAN DO TO HELP,

AND MAYBE YOU CAN SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS FASTER BY YOURSELF.

UNDERSTOOD, MY WIFE.

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The End

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Your reputation is now irreparable, Hokuto!! Tsk! Get a constant supply of energy drinks! Iron suppliments! Balot! Get some energy for those knees! XD For shame!

– Lacaille

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32nd Step

What Should I Do?

Low gear from early in the morning.

Good morning. I'm Mamiya Chiwa. It's morning.

HM? WE'VE ALREADY ARRIVED?

EVERY TIME I COME HERE, I FEEL LESS AND LESS CONVINCED THAT —

THAT AGAIN?

YOU'RE UNEXPECT-EDLY PERSISTENT ABOUT IT.

GOOD WORK. WELL, LET'S GET GOING.

HOKU-TO

WHAT?

HMM I SLEPT SO WELL.

...YOU'VE BEEN WORKING IN THE NEIGHBORING BUILDING NEXT TO MINE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THE WHOLE TIME AFTER YOU CHANGED JOBS...

MAP

Mamiya Tourism

I-MAX's Building

See you.

Eh?!

COME ON, LET'S GO ALREADY!

OH JEEZ, SHUT UP, SHUT UP!

YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME!

YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME!

Complete recovery

NO. AND I DON'T CARE.

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TERRIBLE, ASAHINA-SAN?

I-MAX

...SO?

BUUUT .

WHEN I IMAGINE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS JUST A FEW METERS AWAY BEYOND THAT WALL...

... IT GIVES ME THE SHIVERS.

IT'S NOT AS IF ANYTHING WILL CHANGE IN YOUR PROFES-SIONAL LIFE NOW THAT YOU KNOW.

AFTER ALL,

THAT'S TRUE, BUT...

Looks like it was a complete coincidence, but...

SECRET.

WHAT DID YOU TWO TALK ABOUT WHEN YOU WERE ALONE?

WERE YOU WORKING OVERTIME TODAY?

But Hokuto (his personality being what it is) didn't bother to tell me that...

"Mamiya Tourism's" building, where Hokuto works, is right next door to mine.

Didn't realize it when she saw the address because the building is named "MM Travels."

IT WASN'T ME.

Perhaps...

EH? WHY?

IT'S JUST THAT THE LIGHTS ON YOUR FLOOR WERE ON UNTIL VERY LATE TONIGHT.

IT WAS SAKURABA-SAN AND ASAHINA-SAN.

THOSE TWO ARE ALWAYS BUSY.

THAT'S NOT BAD

HEY, HEY, BY ANY CHANCE, HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING AT OUR COMPANY ALL THE TIME? EH? EH?

NO IT WAS A COINCI-DENCE.

REAL-LY?

This might be good!

Working so close by might be good after all!

THANKS FOR COMING SHOPPING WITH ME!

IT'S FINE! IS THERE ANY OTHER PLACE YOU WANT TO GO?

NO, WE'RE DONE.

BY THE WAY, MAMIYA-SA—

Now that I know Hokuto is close by and watching me...

... I feel the urge to work even harder.

?

WATCH OUT!

MAMIYA-SAN!

KYAH!

SLAM

STOP RIGHT THERE! HEY!

HEY, YOU!

I'M FINE. I WAS WALKING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD...

OUCH...

CAN YOU STAND UP?

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!

Our

I THINK HE MUST HAVE GOTTEN THE WRONG PERSON...

GO BACK TO THE COMPANY AND TREAT THIS IMMEDIATELY.

OR AT LEAST IT LOOKED THAT WAY... IT'S SICKEN-ING

...

HE WAS AIMING STRAIGHT FOR YOU, MAMIYA-SAN.

Just a while ago I was almost run over by a car...

How long will this keep up?

REALLY, IT WAS JUST A LITTLE BUMP

IF YOU KNOW YOU'RE CARELESS, ALL THE MORE REASON TO WATCH OUT!

AGAIN ?!

AH! EH, NO!

THIS TIME, I WAS JAY WALKING, I WAS IN THE CYCLE ALLEY...

Startle

Ah!

I SAID TOO MUCH.

I... I'M SORRY...

NO...

ANY-
WAY,

I
WANTED
TO SAY
I'M GLAD
YOU'RE
ALL
RIGHT.

I must
really get
a grip!

Again.

I made
him
worry.

TOCK

TOCK

TOCK

STALK

STALK

I feel as if someone...

...is following me.

TURN

IT.

MUST HAVE BEEN MY IMAGI-NA-TION..

SILENCE.

?

MAMIYA,

WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THIS, YOU CAN GO HOME.

YES!

I'LL BE GOING NOW!

THANKS FOR THE WORK!

I'm going first.

Do your best...!

Hokuto... Of course, he's not going home so early.

AH!

I'LL BE IN TIME

PUSH

?!

KYA...?!

WAH!

OW!

OUCH

Turn

Ba-thump...

Just now...

SOMEONE PUSHED ME ..

. ON THE BACK

BA-THUMP

BA-THUMP

I WAS PUSHED

OH, NO ..!

THAT WASN'T JUST MY IMAGINA - TION!

SOMEONE REALLY PUSHED ME...?!

DREAD

DIDN'T YOU GO HOME?

EH?

But...

1 - MAX

EH, BUT WHY?

EHM, COULD I PLEASE STAY HERE A LITTLE LONGER?

O-

OF COURSE, BUT...

BUT JUST LET ME STAY HERE...

I KNOW I HAVE NO WORK LEFT TO DO HERE

A-7

A-

WON'T YOUR HUSBAND BE WORRIED?

...?

HOKUTO!

WHA...

WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A PLACE?

I WAS LATE, SO I WAS WAITING FOR YOU.

AH, HEY.

AREN'T YOU HUNGRY? LET'S GO EAT SOMETHING!

YOU MUST BE BUSY, WORKING UNTIL SUCH A LATE HOUR.

THE BUSY SEASON IS JUST STARTING

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...

...WE'RE LEAVING WORK TOGETHER

...

ALL RIGHT, BUT...

I PREFER IT IF YOU COOK ME SOME-THING AT HOME

EH? HE ISN'T SAYING ANY-THING.

WOW!

I can't believe he's capable of saying such cute things now!

Y-YES, PLEASE LET ME COOK FOR YOU! FROM TOMORROW ON!

?

However...

THE NEXT DAY

I'M SCARED.

WHICH MEANS I HAVE TO GET HOME BY MYSELF SOMEHOW

Vrooom...

I want a [redacted] right in front of me.

I want someone to deliver me door-to-door

AH, ANY-WHERE AROUND HERE IS FINE.

THAT WILL BE 3150 YEN.

WHY DIDN'T I NOTICE IT BEFORE?

THERE IT IS! A DOOR, A DOOR!

AH...

NO WAY, THIS TRANS-PORT IS NOT GOOD!

IT WILL BANKRUPT ME!

MAKE SURE NOT TO LEAVE ANY-THING BEHIND

OVER-TIME?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I WAS LATE BECAUSE OF WORKING OVERTIME TODAY, TOO.

..?!

!

...YOUR COMPANY'S FLOOR OF THE BUILDING WERE OFF BEFORE NINE P.M.

I SAW THAT ALL THE LIGHTS ON ..

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

Oh, no! This is the downside of working so close by...

AH

EHM
I

I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE LIE TO ME.

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WHAT?!

I THOUGHT THAT S[illegible] COMPANIES ARE SO CLOSE BY NOW, I WANT TO GO HOME TOGETHER...

SO I THOUGHT WHY NOT GO HOME THIS WAY ?

I am not lying because I like to.

GO HOME ON YOUR OWN FROM TOMORROW.

WHAT KIND OF CHILDISH [illegible] IS THAT?

DOESN'T THIS MEAN THAT IT WILL HIT EXACTLY WHEN WE'RE DUE TO BE GOING HOME?

THE TRAINS MIGHT HAVE TO STOP...

THE LARGE-SCALE TYPHOON NO 20 PRE-SERVES ITS FORCE

AND MOVES TOWARDS THE NORTH—

DOWNPOUR

But...

I don't want Hokuto to look like that because of me again

YOSHIOKA-SAN, MAMIYA,

YOU SHOULD FINISH QUICKLY TODAY AND GO HOME EARLY. RIGHT, SAKURABA-SAN?

EH!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, MAMI-YA-SAN?

I'M GRATE-FUL, BUT...

I- I'M NOT GOING HOME!

I'M THANKFUL, BUT FOR TODAY, DO WHAT ASAHINA SAYS.

YOU'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF THE TRAINS STOP.

SAKU-RABA-SAN.

ASAHINA-SAN AND EVERYONE ELSE WILL STAY BEHIND!

That's true

BUT WE CAN SPEND THE NIGHT HERE IF WE NEED TO.

BUT!

AH, HELLO, HOKUTO?

...?

A4

I can't reject their concern.

I UNDER-STAND

IN THAT CASE.

SAKURABA-SAN HAD US GO HOME EARLY BECAUSE OF THE TYPHOON.

WHAT IS IT?

I CAN SEE YOUR WINDOW FROM WHERE I AM NOW.

CLICK

...?

IT'S NOTHING.

YOU TAKE CARE, TOO, HOKUTO.

SURE

Whoooooosh

I'm fine, I'm fiiine!

Even a pervert stalker wouldn't come out on such a day!

Besides, all this might just be my over-anxiety!

Eeck!

This umbrella is useless!

Splash

EXCUSE ME

Run...

It's nothing but instinct

But I know.

HEY?

HELLO?

WHY ARE YOU SO WARY?

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK...

I knew it.

Someone's —

DROP

TAKE THIS!

AND THIS!

CHIWA!

BANG

BANG

Ow ow ow ow ow

THUD

UWAH!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

AH, DAMN!

OH, NO! HE RAN AWAY!

I'M SORRY!

WHY ARE YOU HERE...?

EH...

ASA-HINA-SAN...?

AH, YEAH. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

SO I CALLED THE PRESIDENT.

SOME-THING LIKE THIS ALREADY HAPPENED A WHILE AGO,

...FOR YOU NOT TO WANT TO GO HOME.

I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE...

SO THIS IS WHY YOU WERE WAITING FOR ME..

..SO LATE IN THE EVE-NING?

startle

rains

HE HAS BEEN ...

...STALKING YOU FOR SOME TIME NOW, RIGHT?

whooosh

YOU IDIOT!!!

WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST TELL ME?!

whoooosh

WHAT?!

I CAN'T HEAR YOU!

...NT ...

TO AGAIN... ...

SAY IT LOUD AND CLEAR!

I DIDN'T WANT TO WORRY YOU AGAIN, HOKUTO!

WHAT IF THE SAME THING AS BEFORE HAPPENED AGAIN?

WOULDN'T THAT BE BAD?

...BECAME A BURDEN TO YOU AGAIN?

WHAT IF I...

SL

AP

HEY...

RAINING

HOKU-
TO .

YOUR
SUIT .

SHUT
UP.

drip

drip

drip

HOW COME
YOU STILL
DO NOT
UNDER-
STAND?

IF
ANYTHING
HAPPENED
TO YOU,

I...

WILL
NOT BE
ABLE TO
LIVE ON.

SORRY

I'M SORRY

Why do my good intentions

always end up hurting Hotaru ?

BUT HE HAS LOST HIS LOVED ONE IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ONCE BEFORE, SO...

I-IT'S NONE OF MY BUSI-NESS,

WELL, I UNDER-STAND YOUR FEELINGS, MAMIYA, BUT...

YOU HAVE TO TALK TO THE PRESI-DENT.

Has no problem saying it to himself. but hates to hear it from other people

...

IT'S NO WONDER HE'S WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY MORE THAN ANYONE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

Hey!

THERE'S *NOBODY ELSE* BUT ME WHO CARES ABOUT YOUR SAFETY.

ARGH, WHATEVER! I'M GOING BACK!

I STILL HAVE WORK LEFT!

AH! ASAHINA-SAN!

THANK YOU...

VERY MUCH .

WE'RE IN HIS DEBT AGAIN...

MY, MY.

SO, THIS MAN THAT HAS BEEN STALKING YOU.

DID HE SAY ANY-THING?

LIKE YOUR EX-CLIENT AT THE CABARET CLUB?

EH...

NO...

There's one.

I SEE...

FOR A MOMENT, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE SOMEONE RELATED TO MAMIYA AGAIN.

BUT THERE'S NOBODY LEFT WHO WOULD BE HAPPY TO HURT YOU OR ME NOW,

LIKE THAT IDIOT COUSIN OF MINE DID.

The name of one person who wants to harm me comes to mind.

Or more precisely,

who wants to separate Hokuto from me.

LET'S GO HOME NOW

But...

...If I utter this name, Hokuto will...

Shiver

WE...

...HAVE TO GO BACK, TAKE A HOT SHOWER AND GET WARM

We'll think about this later

WE'LL CATCH A COLD LIKE THIS.

Squeeze

Hokuto is very sharp, so...

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

I WON'T LET ANYONE PUT YOU IN DANGER AGAIN.

...he probably already knows...!!

...what I'm thinking.

And I am...

Sneeze!

YEAH...

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At first, I wasn't going to make Souma buy only shirts for the President.

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You enjoyed Hakuto slapping Chiwa, didn't you, you sadist smut fangirls?
Don't pretend to be innocent. We KNOW you exist! XD

- Lacaille

Kitty
~Happy Marriage!?~

番外編 EXTRA

Yoshioka-san and her husband are going on a trip this weekend,

so I had to take care of their cat.

LOOK, LOOK! ISN'T SHE CUTE?!

ALL RIGHT, BUT WHAT ABOUT ITS TOILET?

THAT'S NO PROBLEM!

I took the toilet, too

IT'S PRETTY BIG FOR A CAT

lick

OH?

Rub Rub

HER NAME IS SUZIE-CHAN! ♡

Su-chan! ♡

Not used to cats

. . . . .

...

Meow!

SHE...

SHE'S PRETTY CUTE.

Chirp

Chirp

PURR—

GOOD MORN-ING, HOKU—

HN...

Hokuto...

...said "cute"...?

Bad feel-ing.

OOOOUCH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

HISSSSS!

CHO

Meow!

MP

...is in love with Hokuto.

Don't touch my man.

I don't believe it, but she...

No way...

RIGHT, SUZIE?

HUG

BUT HOKUTO, SHE BIT MY FACE!

SOMETHING SO CUTE AND CUDDLY WOULD NEVER DO THAT.

GRRRR MEOW!

WHAT THE...? GET OUT! YOU SLEEP OVER THERE!

SHUT UP, CHIWA.

...and more taken in...

Afternoon nap. o.

...has been more and more...

Who?

Ever since then, Hokuto...

Tried being cuddly

Um.

Oh, what an appetite!

NO WAAAY!

And it's finally the weekend!

I hate that woman!

What does she have that I don't?!

THAT WAS MY POSITION!

EARS AND A TAIL.

YOU DON'T HAVE

LOOK, LOOK, HOKUTO! ♡

I HAVE EARS AND A TAIL, TOO! ♡

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EH? WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO BE, A DOG?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT IN THE HEAD?

DONG!

I decided we will have no pets at home.

THANKS! WAS SHE ANY TROUBLE?

WELL, YES, HUGE TROUBLE. HERE!

EH?

Yawn

< Hapi Mari - Happy Marriage?! - Extra > * The End *